

In the Claims:

- 1.(original) An electrically heated apparatus for dispensing fragrancing materials and other volatile substances to an enclosed volume comprising a container containing a quantity of a volatile substance, heating means, transfer means for transferring said volatile substance towards said heating means and a portable power supply for energising said heating means, characterised in that said heating means comprises a flexible thin film heater comprising a laminate having at least one laminar of resistive material and two insulating laminars attached to opposed surfaces of the resistive material laminar.
- 2.(currently amended) Electrically heated apparatus according to ~~as claimed in~~ claim 1 wherein the resistive material has positive temperature coefficient characteristics.
- 3.(currently amended) Electrically heated apparatus according to ~~as claimed in~~ claim 1 ~~or claim 2~~ wherein the resistive material is a polymer thick film material or a polymer thin film material.
- 4.(currently amended) Electrically heated apparatus according to claim 1 as ~~claimed in any preceding claim~~ wherein the resistive material is formed at least partially from resistive ink.
- 5.(currently amended) Electrically heated apparatus according to claim 1 as ~~claimed in any of claims 1 to 3~~ wherein the resistive material is formed at least partially from resistive wire.
- 6.(currently amended) Electrically heated apparatus according to claim 1 as ~~claimed in claim 4 or claim 5~~ wherein the laminar or resistive material is formed

from one or more layers of resistive ink or ~~and/or~~ resistive wire each layer having a thickness of between 10 and 1000 microns.

- 7.(currently amended)      Electrically heated apparatus according to claim 6 as ~~claimed in claim 4 or claim 5~~ wherein the laminar of resistive material is formed from one or more layers of resistive ink or ~~and/or~~ resistive wire each layer having a thickness of between 10 and 100 microns.
- 8.(currently amended)      Electrically heated apparatus according to claim 7 as ~~claimed in claim 4 or claim 5~~ wherein the laminar of resistive material is formed from one or more layers of resistive ink or ~~and/or~~ resistive wire each layer having a thickness of between 20 and 50 microns.
- 9.(currently amended)      Electrically heated apparatus according to claim 1 as ~~claimed in any preceding claim~~ wherein the thin film heater has an overall thickness of between 20 and 1000 microns.
- 10.(currently amended)      Electrically heated apparatus according to claim 9 as ~~claimed in any preceding claim~~ wherein the thin film heater has an overall thickness of between 40 and 100 microns.
- 11.(currently amended)      Electrically heated apparatus according to claim 1 as ~~claimed in any preceding claim~~ wherein the portable power supply comprises one or more battery cells.
- 12.(currently amended)      Electrically heated apparatus according to ~~as claimed in~~ claim 11 wherein the battery cell or cells are rechargeable.

- 13.(currently amended) Electrically heated apparatus according to claim 1 as ~~claimed in any preceding claim~~ wherein said transfer means comprises a capillary tube.
- 14.(currently amended) Electrically heated apparatus according to claim 1 as ~~claimed in any of claims 1 to 12~~ wherein said transfer means comprises a wick or capillary film.
- 15.(currently amended) Electrically heated apparatus according to claim 1 as ~~claimed in claim 14~~ wherein said heating means is attached to or held in proximity to said wick or capillary film.
- 16.(currently amended) Electrically heated apparatus according to ~~as claimed in~~ claim 15 wherein said heating means is located at least partially within said wick.
- 17.(currently amended) Electrically heated apparatus according to ~~as claimed in~~ claim 16 wherein said wick is cylindrical and said heating means is located in a bore of the cylinder.
- 18.(currently amended) Electrically heated apparatus according to ~~as claimed in~~ claim 15 wherein said heating means is wrapped at least partially around an outer surface of said wick.
- 19.(currently amended) Electrically heated apparatus according to claim 1 as ~~claimed in any preceding claim~~ further comprising timing means operable to energise said heating means periodically.
- 20.(currently amended) Electrically heated apparatus according to ~~as claimed in~~ claim 19 wherein the periodicity is pre-programmed.

- 21.(currently amended) Electrically heated apparatus according to ~~as claimed in~~ claim 19 wherein the periodicity is user defined.
- 22.(currently amended) Electrically heated apparatus according to claim 19 ~~as claimed in any of claims 19 to 21~~ wherein each period of energisation is for between 1 second and 5 minutes.
- 23.(currently amended) Electrically heated apparatus according to claim 22 ~~as claimed in any of claims 19 to 21~~ wherein each period of energisation is for between 1 second and 1 minute.
- 24.(currently amended) Electrically heated apparatus according to claim 23 ~~as claimed in any of claims 19 to 21~~ wherein each period of energisation is for between 1 second and 10 seconds.
- 25.(currently amended) Electrically heated apparatus according to claim 24 ~~as claimed in any of claims 19 to 21~~ wherein each period of energisation is for between 1 second and 5 seconds.
- 26.(currently amended) Electrically heated apparatus according to claim 1 ~~as claimed in any preceding claim~~ further comprising timing means operable to switch said heating means periodically from a low power state to a high power state.